

## § 891.130

consisting largely of unassisted, standard housing of similar market rents.

(f) For the Section 811 Program of Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities, the additional site and neighborhood requirements in § 891.320 apply.

### § 891.130 Prohibited relationships.

This section shall apply to capital advances under the Section 202 Program and the Section 811 Program, as well as to loans financed under §§ 891.655 through 891.790.

(a) *Conflicts of interest.* (1) Officers and Board members of either the Sponsor or the Owner (or Borrower, as applicable) may not have any financial interest in any contract with the Owner or in any firm which has a contract with the Owner. This restriction applies so long as the individual is serving on the Board and for a period of three years following resignation or final closing, whichever occurs later.

(2) The following contracts between the Owner (or Borrower, as applicable) and the Sponsor or the Sponsor's non-profit affiliate will not constitute a conflict of interest if no more than two persons salaried by the Sponsor or management affiliate serve as non-voting directors on the Owner's board of directors:

(i) Management contracts (including associated management fees);

(ii) Supportive services contracts (including service fees) under the Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program; and

(iii) Developer (consultant) contracts.

(b) *Identity of interest.* An identity of interest between the Sponsor or Owner (or Borrower, as applicable) and any development team member or between development team members is prohibited until two years after final closing.

### § 891.135 Amount and terms of capital advances.

(a) *Amount of capital advances.* The amount of capital advances approved shall be the amount stated in the notification of fund reservation, including any adjustment required by HUD before the final closing. The amount of the capital advance may not exceed the appropriate development cost limit.

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(b) *Estimated development cost.* The amount of the capital advance may not exceed the total estimated development cost of the project (as determined by HUD), less the incremental development cost associated with excess amenities and design features to be paid for by the Sponsor under § 891.120.

### § 891.140 Development cost limits.

(a) HUD shall use the development cost limits, established by Notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER and adjusted by locality, to calculate the fund reservation amount of the capital advance to be made available to individual Owners. Owners that incur actual development costs that are less than the amount of the initial fund reservation shall be entitled to retain 50 percent of the savings in a Replacement Reserve Account. Such percentage shall be increased to 75 percent for Owners that add energy efficiency features.

(b) The Replacement Reserve Account established under paragraph (a) of this section may only be used for repairs, replacements, and capital improvements to the project.

### § 891.145 Owner deposit (Minimum Capital Investment).

As a Minimum Capital Investment, the Owner must deposit in a special escrow account one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the HUD-approved capital advance, not to exceed \$10,000, to assure the Owner's commitment to the housing. Under the Section 202 Program, if an Owner has a National Sponsor or a National Co-Sponsor, the Minimum Capital Investment shall be one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the HUD-approved capital advance, not to exceed \$25,000.

### § 891.150 Operating cost standards.

HUD shall establish operating cost standards based on the average annual operating cost of comparable housing for the elderly or for persons with disabilities in each field office, and shall adjust the standard annually based on appropriate indices of increases in housing costs such as the Consumer Price Index. The operating cost standards shall be developed based on the number of units. However, under the Section 811 Program and for projects funded under §§ 891.655 through 891.790,